

AFL Leaders Consider Policy Under New Law, Political Action

Chicago.—One of the most eventful Executive Council meetings in the history of the American Federation of Labor is scheduled to open here Sept. 1. Many vital problems of immediate and long-range concern to the labor movement will come up for con-

First, the Executive Council must decide how to meet the immediate impact of the Taft-Hartley Act. Secondly, it will draft a long-range program for combatting and repealing this obnoxious law for submission to

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the local will not handle cases of any union which has not registered with the Department of Labor and filed a financial statement. Furthermore, it will not recognize any union which has cases unless all union officers, national and local, including the top officials of the American Federation of Labor, sign affidavits attesting they are not communists.

While there is not the slightest suspicion of a red tinge among the membership of the Executive Council, the fundamental principle is involved in the filing of such affidavits which makes the decision whether to comply a weighty one. The only alternative

From the long-range viewpoint, the Executive Council will be asked to prepare recommendations to the national convention calling for an enlarged program of political activity.

This involves a direct challenge of one of the key provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act which specifically forbids

The special educational campaign against the Taft-Hartley Act, financed by voluntary assessments upon affiliated unions, was credited recently by the Gallup Poll with having won the majority of the American people against the Taft-Hartley Act. If such a campaign were to be placed upon a permanent basis, public demand for repeal of this law would grow, in the opinion of Federation

Besides these matters, the Executive Council's report will review the whole course of economic, legislative and political events during the year and recommend clear-cut policies and measures to be followed by the AFL.

**MEANY ON AFL PROGRAM;
BROADCASTS CHANCE TIME**

Washington, D. C.—On September 2 the regular AFL weekly radio broadcast, "Labor, U.S.A.," shifts to a new time. Hereafter, the program will be

George Meany, AFL Secretary-Treasurer, will appear on

the Sept. 24 post-Labor Day program. He will be interviewed by Harold Steppeler of the ABC staff on the general subject, "Problems Labor Faces in the Coming Year."

Consult your local newspapers

**NEW YORK CITY AFL GROUP
AIMS TO REGISTER VOTERS**

New York City.—The AFL Central Trades and Labor Council ordered an intensive campaign among the 750,000 AFL membership here to urge all workers to register as voters in preparation for the 1949 election.

Moore Rosen, acting president of the council, in an address before a group of council delegates, said:

"Because American workers failed to take an hour out to register and vote a year ago, they have lost many of the notable gains achieved in the

last 10 years. Because they failed in their duty to exercise their franchise, our country, in a most critical hour, has been saddled with a Congress which is more interested in the allegedly padded expense accounts of wartime press agents than in the ac-

More than 1,000,000 cards will be sent out to AFL members and their families urging them to register this October.